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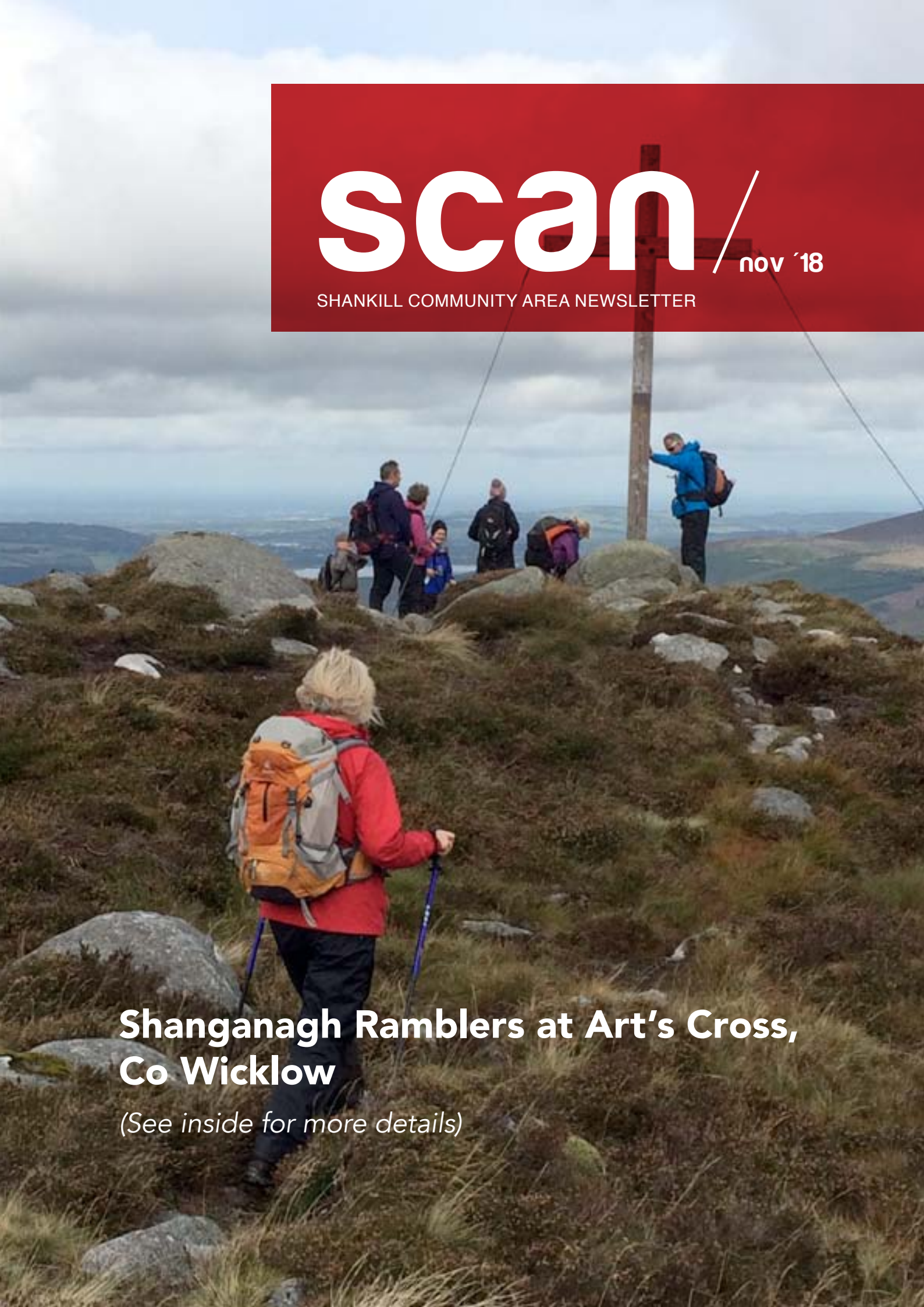

Shanganagh Ramblers at Art's Cross, Co Wicklow

(See inside for more details)

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A support network for separated and divorced people has been set up and is open to persons of any faith denomination, or none.

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A supportive, compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how the network can be of help to you...either through one-to-one contact or by welcoming you into our monthly group meetings which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.

All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

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Bethany Bereavement Support Group St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will be holding a 5-week bereavement course starting in January 2019. The aim of this course is to support those who have suffered a loss by encouraging them to explore and understand their feelings of grief. The course will run on Monday evenings from 14th January until 11th February 2019 in St. Anne's Resource Centre.

Time is from 8.00 – 9.30pm with tea and biscuits provided. The course is free to attend and everyone is welcome. Bethany Bereavement members are trained to listen and offer you a safe, free, supportive place to journey through your grief.

Please leave your name and phone number at ***012822704*** to book your place.

New "Castle Allotments" on the Quinns Road, Shankill

On the 9th May 2018 the Shanganagh Castle Allotments were re-allocated to a new site on Quinns Road, Shankill. Previously known as the 8 acre field, it is located behind both the Shankill Tennis and Shankill Bowling Clubs. The lateness of the move was due in particular to the poor weather earlier this year. It did not deter the now 97 allotment holders who set off with gusto to play catch up and face one of the finest summers in living memory. Sincere thanks goes to all the staff of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for their Trojan work in completing the project. To local Cllrs, Residents, Community Associations, the Shankill Tennis and Bowling Clubs, we offer our sincere thanks for their assistance and welcome.

The Meet and Greet Team are further delighted to acknowledge the Community Grants obtained under the DLRCoCo.

1. For assorted tools of trade including spades, shovels, forks, hoes, rakes, shears and two wheelbarrows.
2. For a table and eight chairs for our canteen cabin expected to arrive shortly
3. For a Rotovator approved by DLRCoCo on behalf of Dept of Rural & Community Affairs.

You can telephone the Parks Department 01 2054341 should you wish to have your name included on the waiting list for an allotment. The Castle Allotments AGM will take place in The Crinken Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th December 2018.

Céilí Dancing Classes

Where: Stonebridge Community Facility
When: Tuesdays 8.15p.m. – 9.15p.m.
Taille: €8.00 per class.
Eolas: Seán Ó Raghallaigh 087 6900 710

Shankill Classical Music Club

The SCMC meet on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks Centre, Lower Road at 7.45pm.

All are welcome. ***www.shankillclassical.org.*** Contact John O'Hagan (087 2109175) for more information.

From A Concerned Resident Of Dorney Court

1) Parking across drive ways: Can residents be a bit more thoughtful when parking, particularly vehicles should not be parked on the footpath facing into a house. People walking, with buggies etc. have to go out on the road and around the vehicle.

2) It's unfair for visually impaired people as they don't expect to have to incur a vehicle across a footpath.

Community Games

We will mark the end of another successful Community Games Year with tea/coffee and treats on Sunday 4th November 2018 at 11.15am St. Anne's Resource Centre. All welcome.

Plans for 2019

We will meet on Thursday 8th November at 8pm in St. Anne's Resource Centre to plan for 2019 events. If you have any suggestions or would like to get involved in any way please email ***shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com***

St Joseph's Shankill

On Friday the 12th of October Saint Joseph's opened their doors to welcome locals to their craft and cake sale coffee morning. Guests enjoyed browsing the beautiful crafts made by local crafters. Anne Farrell, Helen Louth, Pauline O'Connor and Anne Murphy to name just four of the ladies that produced many wonderful handmade items, including throws, baby cardigans, basinet covers, cushions, paintings, dolls and much, much more. And for those with a sweet tooth there was a huge selection of cakes, buns, pastries and pies to suit any palate, all baked by talented and enthusiastic volunteers. Local beekeeper Liam McGarry supplied pots of honey to add to the sales potential of the day!

Overall the two hours welcomed many newcomers to Saint Joseph's and also raised vital funds of over €2,150 in the two hours! Thanks to all who attended, donated, knitted and baked!

If you would like to donate to the work of delivering excellence in dementia care please log on to ***www.saintjosephsshankill.ie/donate***

How Does Budget 2019 Affect Me?

Citizens Information

Budget 2019 was announced on Tuesday, 9 October 2018. This is a summary the main changes announced in the budget statement. Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2019 or later in 2019. Others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

Income tax - The threshold for the higher rate of income tax (40%) will increase by €750. This means, for example, an increase from €34,550 to €35,300 for single individuals and an increase from €43,550 to €44,300 for married couples with one earner BEFORE they will pay tax at 40% (from 1 January 2019).

The **Home Carer Tax Credit** will increase from €1,200 to €1,500.

The **Earned Income Tax Credit** for self-employed people will increase from €1,150 to €1,350. This is relevant for taxpayers earning self-employed trading or professional income in certain cases and for business owners or managers who are not eligible for a Pay As You Earn (PAYE) credit on their salary income.

Revenue's **updated PAYE system** will be fully operational from 1 January 2019.

The **VAT rate** for the tourism sector will increase from 9% to 13.5% (from 1 January 2019).The rate for newspapers and sporting facilities will continue at 9%. The VAT rate for e-books and electronically supplied newspapers will be reduced from 23% to 9% (from 1 January 2019).

A review of the **Local Property Tax** is currently underway and an update will be provided later this year.

Universal Social Charge (USC) - The 4.75% rate of USC will reduce to 4.5%.

The ceiling of the 2% band will increase from €19,372 to €19,874, so that the salary of a full-time worker on the minimum wage will remain outside the higher rates of USC. Incomes of €13,000 or less will continue to be exempt from USC in 2019. Once your income is over this limit, the following rates will apply (from 1 January 2019):

- €0 to €12,012 @ 0.5%
- €12,012 to €19,874 @ 2%
- €19,874 to €70,044 @ 4.5%
- €70,044+ @ 8%
- Self-employed income over €100,000: 3% surcharge

Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT) - The Group A tax-free threshold, which applies primarily to gifts and inheritances from parents to their children, will be increased from €310,000 to €320,000. This increase applies to gifts or inheritances received on or after 10 October 2018.

Tobacco products tax - the excise duty on a packet of 20 cigarettes will increase by 50 cent (including VAT) with a pro-rata increase on other tobacco products. There will be an additional 25 cent on roll-your-own tobacco. There is an increase in the minimum excise duty on tobacco products, so that all cigarettes sold below €11 have the same excise applied as those sold at €11 and above.

Betting duty - The duty on bets placed by customers in the State will increase from 1% to 2% for bookmakers, and from 15% to 25% on the commissions earned by betting intermediaries.

Increases in Social Welfare Payments - The maximum rate of all **weekly social welfare payments** will increase by €5 per week with proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment. This also applies to **employment programmes** such as Community Employment (CE), Tús and the Rural Social Scheme. People aged 25 and under who are getting a **reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance** will get the full €5 increase **(ALL increased from week beginning 25 March 2019).**

The weekly **rate for a qualified child** will increase by €2.20 from €31.80 to €34 for children under 12 years of age. It will increase by €5.20 from €31.80 to €37 for children aged 12 years and over (from week beginning 25 March 2019).

A Christmas Bonus of 100% will be paid in December 2018 to people getting a long-term social welfare payment (minimum payment of €20).

Child Benefit - there is no change to the rate of Child Benefit for 2019.

Living Alone Increase - there is no change to the rate of living alone increase for 2019.

A new scheme will be introduced providing 2 weeks' **Parental Benefit** for insured employees and self-employed people. It will be paid at the same rate as Maternity Benefit and Paternity Benefit (from November 2019).

Self-employed people - Jobseeker's Benefit will be extended to self-employed people (late 2019).

One-parent families - The earnings disregard for the **One-Parent Family Payment** and the **Jobseeker's Transition payment** will increase by €20 per week, from €130 to €150 per week.

Working Family Payment - A maintenance disregard of €95.23 per week for housing costs, with the remainder assessed at 50%, will be introduced for the Working Family Payment to bring it in line with other social assistance schemes.

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance will increase by €25 per child, from €125 to €150 for children aged 4-11 and from €250 to €275 for children aged 12-22 in full-time second-level education.

The Fuel Allowance season will be extended by 1 week, from 27 to 28 weeks. The extra week will apply to the current fuel season.

Domiciliary Care Allowance will continue to be paid for 3 months in cases where the child being cared for has died.
Employer's PRSI - The weekly threshold for employer's PRSI will increase from €376 to €386 (from 1 January 2019) to ensure that there is no incentive to reduce the working hours for a full-time employee on the increased minimum wage.

A total of €2.3 billion is allocated to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for **HOUSING** in 2019. In addition, local authorities will spend an extra **€93 million on housing programmes,** funded from Local Property Tax surpluses. This brings the total spending on housing to almost €2.4 billion for 2019. Full details can be obtained on **BUDGET.GOV.IE**

National Minimum Wage - The national minimum wage will increase from €9.55 per hour to €9.80 per hour (from 1 January 2019).

Primary and post-primary schools - From September 2019, there will be an extra 372 teaching posts in schools. 271 of these are in response to rising numbers of pupils and 101 are to provide additional special classes. The standard capitation grant will increase by 5% from September 2019.
A further 950 Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) will be recruited, bringing the total number to over 15,900.

Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) relief available for hybrid electric vehicles is being extended until the end of 2019.

A 1% VRT surcharge (applied across all VRT bands) is being introduced for diesel engine passenger vehicles registered in the State (from 1 January 2019).

The **prescription charge** for medical card holders over the age of 70 will be reduced from €2 per item to €1.50 per item. Prescription charges will be phased out for people in emergency accommodation. The weekly income limit for the **GP visit card** will be increased by €25. The monthly threshold for the **Drugs Payment Scheme** will be reduced from €134 to €124.

The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment will invest over €164 million in 2019 to help achieve Ireland's **energy efficiency and renewable energy objectives,** in line with the Government's National Mitigation Plan.

As set out in the National Development Plan, Ireland will no longer purchase diesel-only buses for the urban public service obligation (PSO) bus fleets after July 2019.

A Rainy Day Fund, set up with €1.5 billion from the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund, will be supplemented with an annual contribution of €500 million from 2019.

Overseas Development Aid will increase by €110 million to €817 million. (SOURCE: www.citizensinformation.ie)

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. Or Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

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SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB

Susan McGing, PRO

JUNIOR NEWS

It has been a busy month for the juniors here at Shankill Tennis Club. We had a total of five teams playing in the junior league – it was great to see so many juniors looking to get involved. We have also begun Teen Tennis and Pizza nights for our juniors, which has been a great success so far. We urge our teen tennis players to come down to these – Friday evenings of pizza and tennis with your friends! We also had our Junior Club Championships in the last week of October. A big congratulations to all who entered, it was a great week of quality tennis and competitive matches.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The month of September saw our own players battle it out at the Shankill Club Championships. This year we had an amazing turn out of players, with 133 players taking part, 6 events being filled and 160 matches take place. With all of these players taking part, and a large number of new players having joined the club in the last year, this year's Club Championships saw five champions take the prize for the first time! In the singles, the Ladies champion was Emma Redmond, and the Men's champion was Donagh ó hAodha, both pictured (inset). The doubles was also fiercely competitive – Leah Price and Lauren Gillham took the Ladies Doubles title, and Ronan Troy and Robert Jackson took the Men's Doubles title. Mixed doubles champs were Ryan Mealia and Leah Price. Our plate competition saw huge entry, and the final victors were Bryan Walsh and Cathy Grehan. A huge congratulations again to all who took part, it was a fantastic two weeks of great tennis.

CELEBRATION NIGHT

On the 5th of October, Shankill Tennis Club invited all members to celebrate the success of two huge events in the club this year, the World Blind Tennis Championships and breaking the world record for the longest doubles match, in conjunction with the Enjoy Tennis programme. The night saw a repeat of this competitive doubles match for members to watch, and the Irish Blind Tennis team members were on court to demonstrate the game. This fantastic display was followed by refreshments in the clubhouse. The night was a great success and we thank all who came along.

OTHER NEWS

In other news, big congratulations to Garreth Greene, who at the end of September took consolations singles title in the Open Baía de Setúbal in Portugal! A huge achievement, we are all very proud of him.

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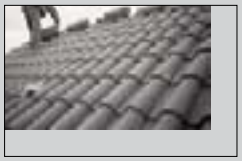

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Shanganagh Rambler

by Creidhe O' Sullivan

The Shanganagh Rambler's September walk was to Art's Cross in Co. Wicklow. As often happens, the forecast for the Wicklow mountains wasn't as good as it was for Dublin and, sure enough, having left blue skies in Shankill, clouds had gathered and it was raining when the bus dropped us off at the Wicklow Gap car park. By the time we had put on all our wet gear, the rain had stopped, as often happens too, and we spent the rest of the day in very pleasant Autumn sunshine.

We first walked up to the Turlough Hill upper reservoir - the only significant climb of the day. On the way we got a view of the naturally occurring corrie lake, Lough Nahanagan, the lower reservoir of the Turlough Hill power station. Water is pumped up from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir during times of low power demand, and then allowed to fall back into the lower reservoir in order to generate electricity when demand is high. There were some some nice views of Tonelagee on the way up.

From Turlough Hill we headed across peat hags to find Lough Firrib, a small lake that feeds into the Glenealo River and eventually into the upper lake in Glendalough. The lake is hidden from view and you can't see it until you are very close. After a break by the lake we walked towards Art's Cross. The wooden cross commemorates the escape from Dublin Castle, on 6th January 1592, of Art O'Neill and Red Hugh O'Donnell. Ill-equipped for the harsh winter, they were the only prisoners ever to successfully escape captivity from Dublin Castle. The two lay down to sleep in the snow in the valley beneath the cross while an accomplice went for help. Art O'Neill died from exposure and never woke, O'Donnell did but lost toes to frostbite. But we didn't let that put us off.

After Art's cross we descend into the Glenreemore valley, over some rocky and uneven terrain. In the distance, at the foot of a waterfall, we could spot the memorial plaque that marks the place where, according to tradition, Art O'Neill died. Once down into the valley we had lunch by the the Glenreemore Brook stream which we then followed until meeting up with a nice stretch of St. Kevin's Way for the last few kilometers. St Kevin, incidentally, contributed to the extinction of water serpents in Ireland by killing the one that inhabited the afore mentioned Lough Nahanagan. Our bus met us back on the Wicklow Gap road and took us back to Shankill for some well-deserved refreshments.

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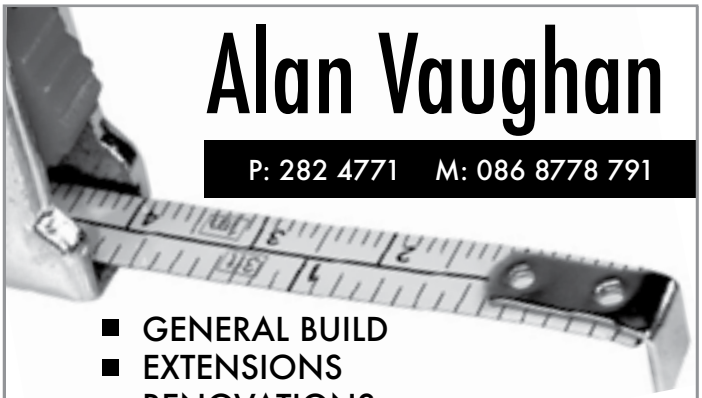

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Shankill GAA Club

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Celebrating our 5th Anniversary

We celebrated our 5th birthday on Sunday 22nd September in our new ground at Stonebridge Road. The weather did not look too promising in the early morning with rain falling and a dark sky overhead. Memories went back to our first Academy morning in 2013 when on a horribly wet morning many courageous children forced their parents to bring them to Shanganagh Park to see how our fledging club would fare out. However the rain disappeared and the sun broke through and we went on to have a wonderful day of celebrations.

The Academy kids had their usual high octane session and were rewarded with jelly sweets and goodies. In the meantime we had a mixed All Ireland football blitz and the winners were awarded with a cup and medals which were handed out by Dublin footballer Paddy Andrews who we were honoured to have with us on the day. Paddy made a marvellous impression on the children and adults alike and is a credit to our county team. The section ended with All Ireland blitzes in Hurling and Camogie with the winners presented with the Paddy O'Brien and Michael Hays perpetual cups. Both men who have passed on to their eternal reward were fantastic GAA men and played a huge roll in promoting our National Games in Shankill. We were delighted to have their wives Marie O'Brien and Veronica Hays present on the day and they presented the cups to the winning teams. Thank you both so much.

In the meantime our catering staff comprised of parents and friends were feeding the masses, kids with bulging eyes and huge appetites as well as adults trying to nick a favourite cake. All manner of food was available all prepared by our wonderful parents. A mountain of hot dogs disappeared in the twinkle of an eye and in the end there was nothing left. A special thanks to Brendan Ellis and club GPO Steve Davis and their team for pulling everything together and to the parents, coaches, referees and all who organized the event and great pictures from Liza Mitton. It was an extraordinary day of fun, laughter and emotion and perhaps a little tear was shed as we looked back over the past five years. Now with confidence we look forward to our new five year plan to further develop our club and to help provide first class sports facilities in our beautiful village that is Shankill.

Bring it on!

Notices

AGM Mon 19th November at 8.00pm in St Anne's resource centre.
Academy will move to St Laurence College from the 2nd Nov.
CHASE the ACE at the time of going to press the jackpot is €1250.

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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituent,

Housing remains a key priority of this Government. The total housing budget in 2019 will be almost €2.4bn. We are working to build more affordable homes, more social housing, and to end homelessness.

There are a number of Government schemes to help people to buy and/or improve their homes that you may not be aware of. I hope these may be of assistance to you or your friends and family.

AFFORDABLE HOMES

For single people with gross earnings up to €50,000 and couples up to €75,000 gross, new options include:-

• An Affordable Loan confined to first time buyers, of up to 90% of a home (new and second hand) costing up to €320,000 provided you have been refused by two lenders. A fixed 2% mortgage over 25 years will cost you €4.70 per month (incl. Mortgage Protection) per €1,000 borrowed. The amount the Council will lend will be determined by how much you can afford to pay in repayments and still have enough to live on (Social Welfare generally set this at €300 for a couple). (See rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie).

• On selected sites there will be a reservation of at least 30% of homes for Affordable Purchase, with a discount on the site cost and an option of shared purchase with the Council (up to 40% ownership). There will also be Affordable tenancies at a discount from market rents. Application will be invited on a site by site basis and a target of 6,000 affordable homes over 3 years has been set.

• A person buying a new home can also claim a Help to Buy refund of the income tax which they paid in the past 4 years up to a maximum of 5% of the value of the home. There is no means text on this scheme.

LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT GRANT

A grant will be available from the Council for replacing lead water pipes for costs of up to €5,000, with an 80% grant for household income under €50,000, and 50% for household income between €50,000 and €75,000.

HOUSING AID FOR PENSIONERS

Older people or those with incapacities can get grants for home improvements from the Council, subject to income limits, but your application may be prioritised based on medical need.

Housing Aid For Older People: Up to 95% grant in owner-occupied homes, for persons aged 66 or over, to cover the costs of up to e 8,000 in necessary improvements – rewiring, central heating (where none), replacing boilers beyond repair. Annual income of all household members must be under €30,000 for the full grant, dropping on graduated basis to 30% for incomes €50,000-€60,000, but no grant after that.

Mobility Aids: Up to 100% grant to cover the costs of up to €6,000 in works to address mobility problems, certified by a doctor (e.g. rails, ramps, stairlifts and level access shower) in owned or private rented homes where the annual income of all household members is under €30,000.

Housing Adaptation (Disability): Up to 95% grant to cover the costs of up to €30,000 in works to adapt a home to suit the needs of a person with an enduring disability (e.g. downstairs toilet/shower, wheelchair adaptation, extension, etc.) in owned or private rented homes. The works must be certified necessary by a doctor and may require an Occupational Therapist Report. Annual income of all household members must meet the same test as for Housing Aid for Older People.

WARMER HOMES

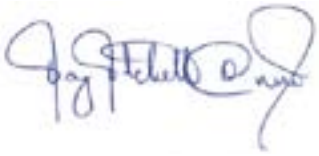
A Home Insulation Scheme for owners of homes built before 2006 is available to persons who are eligible for Fuel Allowance, and to persons on Jobseeker's Allowance for over 6 months with children under 7, or on Working Family Payment, Single Parent Payment or Domiciliary Care Allowance, through Energy Action (01-454 5464) and Warmer Homes Scheme (1800 250 204) who will process your application over the phone. Energy Action will insulate attics, draught-proof doors and windows, insulate cavity wall and pipes, fit a lagging jacket and two energy saving light bulbs. In some cases replacement of single glazing windows or heating upgrades can be considered.

Better Energy Home Scheme (tel: 1850 927 000) provides grants to homeowners for homes built before 2006: insulation of attic (€400), cavity wall (€400), internal wall (€2,400 (detached), €2,200 (semi or end-of-terrace), €1,600 (apartment (any) or mid-terrace), external wall (€6,000 (detached), €4,500 (semi or end-of-terrace), €2,750 (apartment (any) or mid-terrace); heating control with boiler upgrade (€700); heating controls upgrade only (€600); solar heating (€1,200). Along with the insulation works, you can get a grant of €50 for the required Building Energy Rating (BER). Grants will typically cover 20-30% of the full cost. Energy savings of up to 50% can be achieved. For external insulation, you should first apply to your local authority for a Declaration of Exemption from the need for planning permission (cost €80).

I am sincerely committed to working for my constituents in Shankill and the rest of the Dun Laoghaire Constituency. If I can be of any assistance, on any national or local issue please contact me at ***mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie*** or call my constituency office on ***01-8892199.***

Constituency clinics take place the first Friday of every month, by appointment. Please contact my office if you would like to attend.

Yours sincerely



Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister of State for Higher Education

Shankill Wins 9th Tidy Towns Medal

Shankill continued their strong performance winning a bronze medal in the 60th anniversary year of Tidy Towns. This is a tremendous record, as out of a record 833 entries in 2018, only 130 towns won medals. Shankill are now well established in the elite ranks of Ireland's Tidy Towns.

Shankill' s overall score, 317 points, was up 5 on 2017, reflecting a general trend with this year's national winner, Listowel, Co. Kerry scoring 339, compared with 332 points recorded by last year's winner, Birdhill, Co. Tipperary. It is disappointing that, having won silver in 2016 and 2017, Shankill's medal this year is bronze. However, for some years now, Shankill's overall score has hovered around the cut-off level between silver and bronze.

Shankill Tidy Towns 2007-2018

- 2018: 317 points, Bronze
- 2017: 312 points, Silver
- 2016: 309 points, Silver
- 2015: 298 points, Bronze
- 2014: 296 points, Bronze
- 2013: 317 points, Silver
- 2012: 312 points, Bronze
- 2011: 309 points, Bronze
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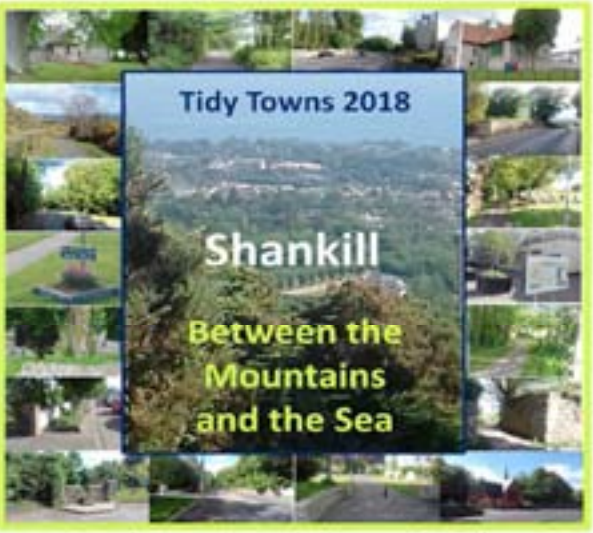
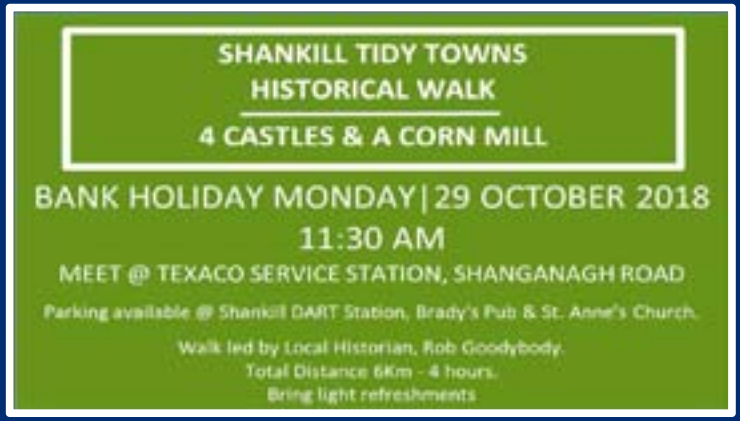
- 2009: 296 points.
- 2008: 267 points.
- 2007: 263 points.



Shankill's challenge is to further consolidate its already strong position, by moving solidly into the silver zone, and hopefully aiming for gold. Shankill Tidy Towns committee sees success in the competition, not as a goal in itself but as a measure of success in making Shankill a better place to live, work and play. Thank you to all who helped.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Tidy Towns Public Meeting

In the light of the 2018 competition results, your Tidy Towns committee will review the implications for its future plans and priorities.

These will be presented to a public meeting early in 2019. Your ongoing support and assistance is not just welcome it is essential, so if you have any ideas, please contact us at:

shankillmatters@gmail.com.

Tidy Towns Table Quiz

Shankill Tidy Towns hopes to hold its Annual Table Quiz in November but the date is not yet finalised. This is always an very entertaining evening giving residents an opportunity to socialise and to support the efforts of Shankill Tidy Towns.

Tidy Towns volunteers at work

Shankill Tidy Towns - The U in COMMUNITY

Recipes

by Vivien Reid

The annual World Egg Day, run by the International Egg Commission, was on 12th October this year. It reminded us that recent research has confirmed that eggs are a nutritious food and not as likely to damage our health as had previously been thought. Eating a wide variety of foods is still important.

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Baked Potatoes with Eggs

Instead of baked beans or coleslaw in your baked potato have an egg.
Serves 2

2 large potatoes
2 large eggs
A couple of knobs of butter
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Parmesan cheese, grated

Preheat oven to Gas Mark 5, 190°C (375°F). Place the potatoes in the oven and bake 50-60 minutes or until they are tender. Scoop enough potato out of the top of each potato to create a medium sized space for the egg. Add in a knob of butter and season with salt and pepper. Crack an egg into a small dish, then gently pour the egg into the area you scooped out, do the same with the second egg. Place the potatoes back in the oven and bake for 10-15 minutes or until the egg is cooked to desired liking.

Sprinkle with grated parmesan and serve.

Poached Egg, Bacon and Avocado on Toast

Crispy bacon, runny eggs and smooth avocado on toasted bread - the perfect breakfast, lunch or brunch.
Serves 4

8 smoked streaky rashers
4 eggs
Dash of white wine vinegar
2 avocados, peeled and chopped
Juice of ½ a lime
¼ teasp. chilli flakes
1 tablesp. coriander leaves, chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
4 slices sourdough bread, lightly toasted
1 tablesp. olive oil
Lightly dressed green salad

Place the rashers under a hot grill and cook until crispy. Mash the avocados with the lime juice, chilli flakes, coriander leaves and season with salt and pepper.Bring a large pan of water to a simmer. Season the water with salt and a dash of vinegar. Give the water a stir to cause it to swirl. Break the eggs, one at a time, into a ramekin or small bowl, then slide the egg gently into the water. Cover the pan and continue to simmer for 2-3 minutes or until the eggs are cooked to your liking.

Toast the bread, drizzle over the olive oil then top with the avocado mixture. Place the rashers on top and finally a poached egg. Season the egg with a little salt, black pepper and a sprinkle of chilli flakes.

Serve with a green salad.

Tip: you could use an egg poacher instead of the boiling water and add whatever seasoning you like or none!

SCAN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES - PART 13

by John Coveney

Welcome to Part 13 of our photography series. Previous articles are in a PDF at www.johncoveney.ie/scan-photography-series.pdf. We will be running a Christmas photo competition from mid-November – details will be in the Shankill Photography Group and on the Shankill Open Forum.

Back in Part 3 in last November, I covered basic editing of your photos on your phone. In Part 10, last July, I looked at backing up and culling your phone shots. While you can bring your photography to a high level with a good smartphone and online backup, many of you may already have a bigger camera and a computer - or you want to move to such a setup. So this month, I'm going to tell you about my own five-year-old computer kit and give you a few pointers towards current equivalents. In a future article, I'll cover photo editing software, as well backup and computer maintenance programs. And, as backup is so important, I'll just mention now I use Backblaze for off-site cloud backups, as well as local backups to external hard drives.

For photo editing, I use perhaps the most popular choice, Adobe's Lightroom (LR) & Photoshop (PS) but these programs do not run well on entry level computers. As your main computer, I recommend a desktop because you get a better spec and more flexibility for upgrades. If you can only get a laptop, consider adding an external keyboard and monitor for more comfortable use at your base – especially if the laptop screen is smaller than 15 inches. A Dell 25-inch ultra-sharp monitor (http://bit.ly/dell-25-inch-us) would be a good choice to do justice to your images – you should be able to get quite a good monitor for €300-350.

To run Lightroom and Photoshop on PC's, Adobe requires a 64-bit processor, preferably dual or quad core, running at 2GHz or more on current versions of Windows 7 or 10 (more at http://bit.ly/LR-PS-computer-specs). You also need an absolute minimum of 4 GB of RAM but Adobe recommends 12 GB – as well as at least 2GB of available hard drive space. Again, in practice, a lot more space is needed for catalogs, previews and temporary files during editing. Finally, a modern graphics processor with at least 1GB of RAM, preferably 2GB, is also essential to quickly render all those pixels as images on your screen. The requirements for Macs, running El Capitan, Sierra or High Sierra, are similar, but Mac's tend to be pricier than PC's. In my experience, it is also essential for both laptops and desktops to have at least a 128 or 256 GB SSD (solid stage drive, essentially an internal flash key). Locating operating system files and Lightroom catalogs and previews on an SSD vastly improves the speed and responsiveness of your machine because frequently used files are accessed much more quickly than from a traditional hard drive. Overall for photo editing, you need a mid to moderately high spec machine but not a high-end gaming machine. Here's a good guide to buying a computer for photo editing http://bit.ly/photo-edit-computer.

You are likely to pay at least €800-1,000 for an i5/i7 quad core laptop or desktop with 8GB of RAM and an SSD, and €3-500 more for a 16GB machine. A computer with 32GB of RAM would be more again, but you are only likely to need this if you are working with 35-50MB+ files from the high-end DSLRs & medium format cameras, or doing very complex PS edits. Another tip if you are spec'ing out a desktop with four memory card slots, is to get two large memory cards first, e.g. 8GB each, so that you can buy two more of the same size later. Annoyingly, some manufacturers initially fill all four slots with smaller memory cards so that you must throw them away if you want to double the memory a few years later. Googling "best laptops" for photo editing will bring up several recent good articles such as those from Laptopunderbudget.com at http://bit.ly/photo-editing-laptop and Tech Radar at http://bit.ly/photo-editing-laptops2. For desktops, The Guardian has a good starter guide at http://bit.ly/Guardian-desktop while eight good desktops are listed here http://bit.ly/photoworkout-8desktops.

Finally, if you are a real techie you could consider building your own machine – Googling "build your own computer for Lightroom" brings up several good articles. It's not something I'd do myself, but reading these articles gives you a good idea on what you need in a photo editing computer, however you acquire it. That's it for now – check out the Shankill Photography Group on Facebook for more readers shots.

Here's my own photo editing setup with my five-year-old Dell laptop in front. This has an Intel i5 chip and and 8GB of RAM. It was moderately good for photo editing, but I improved it notably when I got High Spec Tech in the BBQ Centre in Shankill to replace the hard drive with a 256GB SSD. Now, if anything, ever happens to my desktop machine, the laptop would tide me over. Behind the laptop, are my old Dell 22" (left) and 19" screens connected to my five-year-old "desktop" – actually under the desk! A second screen, which can be cheap, is great for looking at tutorial videos while I'm teaching myself a new editing technique on the main screen. The desktop is a Dell XPS 8500 with 16GB of RAM with an Intel i7 3.4Ghz quad core chip that has served me well for five years for editing 20-megapixel files from a Canon 7D Mark II. It had a 256GB SSD from new and I have two internal hard drives totalling 5TB plus external drives for backup. I am now considering upgrading it to a 1TB SSD because my Lightroom Catalog and all the associated working files and caches generated by LR & PS are now big for my 256SSD.

Here's a dreamy dawn shot from one of our readers, Tony O'Connor, of the lake and boathouse at Carton House in Maynooth.

Shankill Classical Music Club

Opera audiences in early nineteenth-century Paris insisted that every opera had to include a ballet. No matter if the subject matter was war, murder, tragic love – everything had to stop to allow the dancers to do their thing. Composers obliged, with yards of forgettable – and often justly forgotten - rum-ti-tum music. No doubt even the great Verdi turned out some routine padding, but more often than not he came up with tuneful, colourful, sparkling stuff. So when, at short notice in 1847, he fulfilled his first Paris commission, with the opera Jerusalem, by recycling much of the music from, I Lombardi, his Milan hit of a few years earlier, he dutifully added the mandatory suite of ballet music.

This formed the centrepiece of the first half of Bernard Clarke's programme in October. A couple of contrasting Verdi overtures fitted in well – the unfamiliar Alzira and the imperishable prelude to Act 1 of La Traviata.

Most of the rest of the programme consisted of substantial extracts from several of the great concertos: Mozart for violin (the best-known of the five), Rachmaninov for piano (the second), Dvorak for cello. Composers sometimes struggle to write finales that maintain the high seriousness of the earlier movements. Trite unmemorable themes, repetitiveness, show-off virtuosity for its own sake – we can all come up with examples. What was striking about the Rachmaninov and Dvorak in particular was the solutions they came up with. Instead of non-stop jollity and unconvincing life-affirmation, both of these incorporated substantial detours into more thoughtful and contemplative ideas, with implicit or explicit links back to the earlier movements.

No doubting the sincerity of Handel in the only vocal piece, rounding off the evening - one of the celebratory choruses from his 1744 oratorio Solomon.

Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 November.

And keep an eye out next month for more details of our special feature on 5 December – an audio-visual treat focussing on Maria Callas, with documentary and performance extracts.

Put the dates in your diary now!

For more details of the club please see our website *http://www.shankillclassical.org* or ring John O'Hagan at 087 2109175.

SOUTH SHANKILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

EGM Held October 2018

An EGM was held in Shankill Bowling Club on Tuesday 9th October. Residents of South Shankill decided as a community to get together with Tidy Towns and work on a plan for a community garden on the derelict site on Quinn's Road, bequeathed to the residents association in 1974.

The Late Tom Twomey *(1928-2018)*

It was with deep regret that we heard of Tom's death, in September. He was always so much part of our resident's association (S.S.R.A) since it's formation in 1967, that the loss of his expertise and guidance will be difficult to replace. He was the second chairperson of the Association, in which time he had the most difficult task of directing it's campaign to maintain the 8 acre field, bottom of Quinn's Road for recreational use, as opposed to an illegal mobile home development without planning permission. Now an area greatly enjoyed by the Tennis and Bowling Clubs, and the Allotment Holders. As well as his involvement in the S.S.R.A he contributed just as much to the Community Association, St Anne's School (Board of Management), Church Reader, First Tidy Towns Committee, Shankill/Shankill Project, Bowling Club, Prison a service (visiting commitees) and Fianna Fail. In later years he served as the local Peace Commissioner. Tom has shown his positive contribution to the progression of the Shankill we know today. He has now joined his beloved Collette and loving son Colin, our deepest sympathy.

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Stay on your best behaviour! A real challenge is to prevent investors tripping themselves up. FOMO (fear of missing out) is a constant danger for investors – seeing a stock or asset class inexorably rise and deciding that they have to get in on the action. They end up buying at the peak, and only see their portfolio then fall in value. Likewise when portfolios fall, people panic and sell their assets. Often this happens at the bottom of the market, with people simply locking in their losses.

People also make rash decisions around when and how to commit their money to an investment. Often it is wise to enter markets over a period of time, rather than all in one go. This in itself can protect you against volatility in markets.

One of the most important roles of a financial adviser is helping investors to avoid making mistakes. We help you develop your investment plan, keep you focused on the plan and your longer-term investment objectives and timeframe. Financial advisers help you to invest your money in a way that makes sense...for you.

James Maguire - James is a Qualified Financial Advisor (QFA) with excellent knowledge of the financial services industry. James is a co-owner at Shankill Financial Services Ltd, your local financial broker. James is a results-oriented financial adviser with an excellent track record for providing a high level of service to all of his clients. His specialities lie in the areas of pensions, investments, life cover and mortgages.

If you have a question in relation to your finances get in touch with Shankill Financial Services at info@shankillfs.ie

SHANKILL & BALLYBRACK COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

In addition to responding to emergency calls from the National Ambulance Service for suspected cases of cardiac arrest, chest pain, stroke and choking in the local area, Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders are involved in training members of the local community in the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and CPR.

Shankill & Ballybrack CFR have recently provided training at St Anne's Resource Centre for the Irish Heart Foundation's Heartsaver course. Our instructor recently presented them with their course completion cards. We wish to thank St Anne's Resource Centre for enabling us to have our monthly training sessions at the centre.

The group has also provided training on the use of defibrillators and CPR at Cois Cairn Local Community Centre. The picture on the right show trainees learning how to use a defibrillator.

Are you interested in learning how to do CPR and to use a defibrillator to help save someone's life? Shankill & Ballybrack will be holding a public CPR awareness evening. If you are interested in attending, please contact shankillcfr@gmail.com for further details and like our facebook page @shankillcfr for further updates from Shankill & Ballybrack CFR.

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BREACHES OF THE PLANNING ACTS:

Motion: *"That the Chief Executive takes whatever action is necessary to ensure that breaches of the planning acts and compliance with planning enforcement notices in the functional area of this Area Committee are acted upon in a timely manner."*

Report: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Planning Authority ensures that breaches of the Planning and Development Acts and compliance with planning enforcement notices are acted on in a timely manner and in accordance with the process and procedure set out in Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. The Planning Enforcement section works under timelines set out in legislation and seeks to ensure that all development within the Council's area conforms to planning laws and regulation.

Timescale for Enforcement Process:

- Written complaint received from complainant: Starts the process.
- Warning Letter issues alleging unauthorised development: Within 6 weeks of complaint.
- Response sought from "offender" within 4 weeks of Warning Letter.
- Planning Authority carries out inspection/ investigation: Within 12 weeks of Warning Letter.
- Decision on Enforcement as to appropriate further action: Within 12 weeks of Warning Letter.
- If decision to serve Enforcement Notice: Offender to comply with requirements of Notice within timeframe set out in the notice; notify complainants within 2 weeks.
- If decision not to serve Enforcement Notice: Notify complainant within 2 weeks.

If the requirements of the Enforcement Notice are not complied with, the offender may be liable to prosecution under Section 157 of the Act. Where a planning authority is of the opinion that the particular nature of an unauthorised development requires urgent action, it may move immediately to issue an enforcement notice or to seek an injunction, without having first issued a warning letter.

It remains open to the planning authority to pursue instances of unauthorised development, notwithstanding the submission of a planning application for retention permission. In the twelve months from July 2017 to June 2018 195 Warning Letters were issued, 23 Enforcement Notices were served and legal action was taken in two cases.

VEHICULAR ACCESS TO TICKNICK PARK:

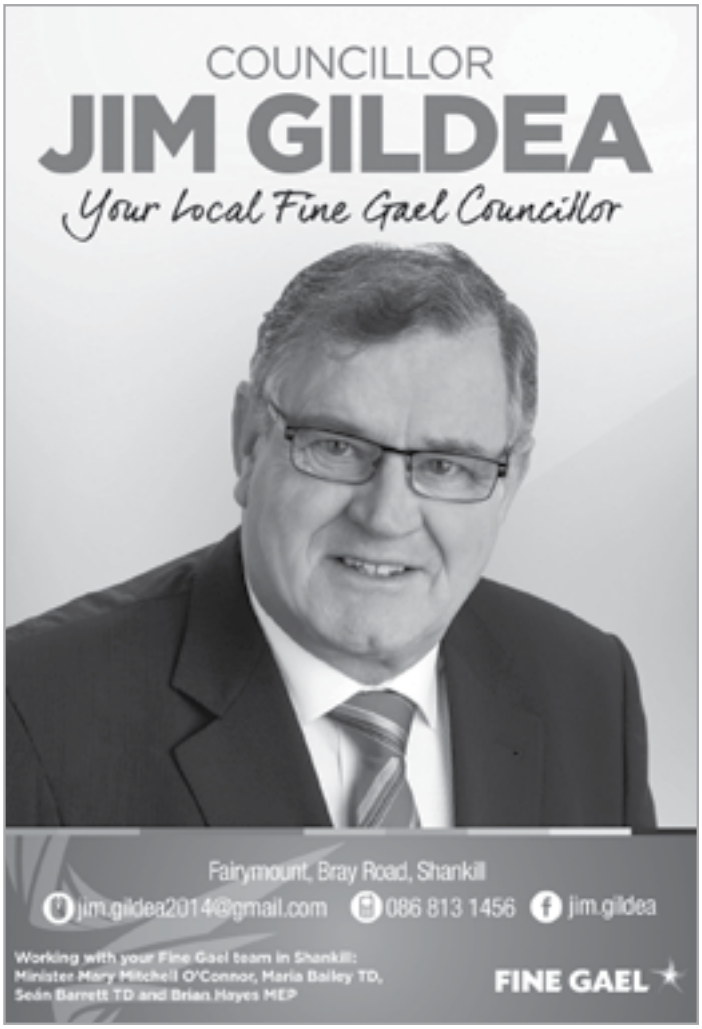
Motion: *"That this area committee recommends that direct vehicular access from the Cherrywood development to Ticknick Park is included in plans for the development of the park. It is noted that present plans show vehicular access only from Ballycorus Road which would increase traffic flow directly outside two national schools in the Shankill area"*

Report: From the early stages of the preparation of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme, the vehicular access from Ballycorus Road and the pedestrian access (from Cherrywood) across the M50 to Ticknick Park (then Heronford Park) were identified.

The report went on to list the Managers' Report on the Cultural and Built Heritage and the Green Infrastructure sections of submissions to the Draft Planning Scheme (2012) and the Adopted Cherrywood Planning Scheme (2014). It also laid out a planning application for the park submitted in 2016. The report concluded:

- It is essential that the pedestrian/cycle access across the M50 remains as pedestrian and cycle only in order to retain consistency with the many related Specific Objectives of the Planning Scheme….
- As such the vehicular access from Ballycorus Road and the Greenway across the M50, is consistent with the Planning Scheme. Any alternative arrangements would not be.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that planners responsible for the Cherrywood development would meet with the Ward councillors in the coming weeks to review the issue.



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QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

The October 2018 Report from the International Panel on Climate Change makes grim reading. It makes clear that the harmful effects of Global Warming will be much worse than thought even three years ago and that it is imperative that world average temperature be kept below 1.5deg Celsius rather than 2deg. On their estimate, this means that we have until 2050 to reach a point where world energy production is by renewables only, and by 2030 we need to have reduced by 45%. A measure of the impact that change at this level will be for each one of us is the suggestion that every person should be limited to one flight per year. But then imagine the effect on the airlines, the way we do business including tourism and at the family level. The take home message is we must make radical changes at all levels of society and these changes must be sufficient to deeply change the way we live our lives and run our businesses.

Many of the changes, such as how we generate out electricity, need Government action, but no government in the world is taking the radical lead that is needed to solve the problem. Our own Government has various plans but they are nowhere near enough to reduce our contribution to climate change to a sustainable level. We cannot wait until 2030 to phase out turf burning power generation. The Project Ireland 2040 plan reads well but experience suggests that it is unlikely to be implemented in full. The failure to increase the carbon tax in the budget is a bad omen that politics will dictate action rather than the needs of the earth, our common home, and the needs of the most vulnerable, who, of course do not live in Ireland.

SHANKILL BOWLING NOTES

by Paddy Hughes PRO

We are delighted to announce that our indoor section has won two trophies this year - the “Watson Shield” and the “Rock Cup” and we are all very proud of the teams. Both were hard-fought victories. In an away match against Dun Laoghaire we shared equal points but we later went on to take the title on the basis of – most shots scored!

The Watson Shield team: Albert Tyson, Phill Cannon, Aiden Murphy, Fiona Bennett, Maura Hughes, Paddy Hughes.

The Rock Cup team: Margaret O’Neill, Maura Bannon, Bea Tyner, Ian Mc Stay, Joan McStay, Ron Sheppard, Susan Farrelly, Vera McGurn, Charlie Hurse, Stella O’Shea.

The trophies and medals were presented on Thursday 20th September in our Clubhouse by the President of the South Dublin Indoor Bowling Association, Mr. Fraser Pelley. In his address Mr Fraser complimented us on our success and pointed out that we were the only club to win the Watson Shield twice.

Our outdoor competitions took place on Saturday, 6th. October followed by the presentation of prizes by Henry Bellew, President assisted by Shirley Nicholson, Competitions Secretary.

The results were:
Men’s Champion: Colin Shepperd
Bob Jackson Cup: John Callaghan and Les Privett
Michael Cryan Trophy: Phill O’Sullivan
Rosslare Cup: Liam Rigley
Alex Tighe Cup: Phill O’Sullivan and Mary Ryan
Colin Shepperd and Phil O’Sullivan won two trophies and were the prominent players of the competition while Mary Ryan excelled in her winning game.

Shirley Nicholson, who did a great job of running the event, later thanked the Ladies for the brilliant tea spread! Our men’s Cullen Cup winners are due to be presented with their trophies at a B.L.I. function shortly.

Shankill Bowling Club members were all greatly saddened by the passing recently of Tom Twomey, our esteemed former President and Men’s’ Captain. He was an excellent bowler and team skip also. Tom was an assiduous man and was involved in and chaired a number of committees in the Shankill Community including the South Shankill Residents Association, Tidy Towns and so on.

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to his daughters and son and the Twomey family on their sad loss. R.I.P.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

ROAD MAINTENANCE RATHSALLAGH ESTATE

Work is due to commence on repairing worn sections of roadway in Rathsallagh Estate. I have been working in conjunction with the Rathsallagh/Shanganagh, Clifton Estate Forum to renew the worst sections of roadway in all three estates.

I welcome the decision that Dun Laoghaire Harbour is coming under Council control. Dun Laoghaire –Rathdown County Council was advised by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport that the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport determined that the date of the transfer of the Dun Laoghaire H\ arbour Company to Dunlaoghaire-Rathdown County Council should be the 3rd October 2018. This means that from that date the Council assumed full responsibility for the management and operation of the harbour. The decision was made in accordance with the Harbours Act 2015. There will be no interruption in service delivery from the harbour as staff and contracts all transfer directly. The 200 year old harbour has a long and distinguished history and is one of the finest man-made harbours in the world. It is an integral part of Dun Laoghaire and gives the town its unique sense of place.

RECENT MOTION ON THE SHANGANAGH LANDS.

Below is a Motion which I co-signed and had passed at a recent Council meeting.

In keeping with the spirit of the Shanganagh Urban Village concept, this Council agrees that any development on the Shanganagh Castle site will be made up entirely of social and affordable housing and will remain in Council ownership. Any development will be directly built and managed by the Council or approved housing bodies to ensure maximum affordability is achieved.

Furthermore, this Council rejects any proposals on affordability analysis on the Shanganagh site which only allows households earning over €69,500 to purchase a home. This Council further agrees that any development on the Shanganagh Castle site will set a maximum pricing cap on each category of dwelling, as agreed with the elected Members.

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Homeless in Shankill

by Patricia Kiersey

Homelessness and housing shortages are big issues in the news and on the streets currently. The lack of adequate accommodation, whether to rent or to buy, is having an impact on people at all levels of society. In particular, a scarcity of social and affordable housing affects those on average and lower incomes. People who are dependent on the private rental market for their housing needs can find themselves struggling to cope with an unexpected rent increase. A landlord's decision to upgrade a rental property may leave tenants with no choice but to find other accommodation. If they are unable to find anything suitable, they may be obliged to move in with family or friends, at least on a temporary basis. If this is not an option they may ultimately end up on the streets. The use of hostels, hotel rooms and family hubs can only offer a short term solution to peoples' housing needs. Of course homelessness is a complex problem. There are many reasons why people may find themselves without a roof over their heads. Apart from financial difficulties, ill-health, addiction and unemployment can all play a part.

You may think that concern about housing and homelessness is relatively new. But as far back as the early 1970s this was literally a burning issue in Shankill. In the depths of winter about 100 members of Shankill Homeless Association took to the streets and marched with flaming torches to the home of the then Fianna Fail government Minister for External Affairs, Dr Patrick Hillery who lived locally. (Dr Hillery subsequently became President of Ireland from 1976-1990).

According to Kevin Brennan, founder member and chairperson of the group, over 50 local families had been living in shacks, huts and caravans in the Shankill area for some time as they were unable to find suitable, affordable alternative accommodation. Shankill Homeless Association had previously held a series of small scale protests in Shankill to highlight the conditions in which they were living. However, taking the protest directly to an influential member of the government in the way that they did gave them a much higher profile and drew the attention of the national media to their cause.

The protest temporarily disrupted traffic on the Bray road and the group was met by Dr Hillery who had come to his home from the Dail. He accepted a letter signed by the 300 members of the Association. Gardai were present as it was handed over to the Minister.

The letter urged Dr Hillery to call on the Minister for Local Government, Kevin Boland to address the housing problem in the area by immediately building 200 houses in Shankill. The group gave a two month deadline for a reply to their request and said they would launch a more militant campaign if they did not get an answer by then.

True to his word Dr Hillery did make contact with Kevin Boland and within six months or so of the torchlight protest, Dublin County Council had placed a compulsory purchase order on Shanganagh Park House and the extensive lands around it. The council drew up plans to build almost 300 houses on part of the land bounded by Shanganagh Road to the west and the railway line to the east. It comprised mainly 3 and some 4 bedroom family houses as well as a small number of bungalows suitable for older people.

Kevin Brennan and Anne Brennan at home in Rathsallagh

The Rathsallagh Estate was considered to be a landmark social housing development at the time with its generous green spaces, wide roads and public parking bays. At the time, it was innovative in its use of underground rather than overground electrical and other services. Dublin County Council also retained Shanganagh Park House as a community centre and included a purpose built shop in the plans as well as facilitating the building of a primary school on the estate. After building works were completed and the residents settled in, Rathsallagh was often showcased to other local authorities around the country as a model estate in terms of design and layout. Some of the original tenants went on to purchase their homes in the estate.

Although Rathsallagh has had its share of social problems from time to time over the years, it is a mainly tranquil place to live these days. Kevin and Anne Brennan and some of the other members of the Shankill Homeless Association still live in the Rathsallagh Estate. Kevin and Anne raised 8 children there. Kevin worked two jobs for many years in order to provide for his family. He continued to be involved in the local community, at one time becoming a link worker liaising with the council on issues relating to the improvement and upkeep of the area. Nowadays there is an Estate Management Forum which does this work.

There are no easy answers to the current housing and homelessness crisis. But the response of more than 10,000 people from all sectors of society in supporting the Raise the Roof rally in Dublin last month shows that these issues occupy the minds of many concerned citizens and that they will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Shankill Homeless Association protest in the early 1970s

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING DUBLIN ROAD

Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive when work will begin on installing the new pedestrian crossing on Dublin Road near Olcovar and BBQ Centre, Shankill?"*

Reply: A topographical survey of this location has been carried out and a detailed design of the crossing is currently being finalised. It is intended to bring this proposal to an Area Committee in October prior to proceeding with installation on site.

FOOTPATH BALLYBRIDE ROAD

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to install a footpath on Ballybride Road, Shankill?"*

Reply: Ballybride Road is a narrow rural road varying in width between 5m and 5.5mapproximately. The available width does not allow for the provision of a footpath within the existing road boundary. The road is bounded on both sides by private properties with some buildings fronting directly onto the road edge. It would therefore appear that land acquisition would be necessary to provide a safe and continuous width of footpath along here and there is no provision for this at present in the Council's work programme.

FOOTPATH EATON GROVE AND QUINN'S ROAD

Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive has the installation of a footpath on the green area between Eaton Wood Grove and Quinn's Road, Shankill been included in the Park's schedule of works?"*

Reply: These works are included in the Park schedule of works for this year.

SHANGANAGH ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive for an update the Shanganagh Road Improvement Scheme I?"*

Reply: The Shanganagh Road is included in the CDP as a Six-Year Road Objective. The major scheme of improvements is not included in the current Capital Programme 2018-2020, but the Capital Programme does include as a committed scheme, the Shanganagh Road Footpath (interim works). The first phase of this interim scheme was completed earlier this summer and there is now a new footpath at the western side from Hazelwood to the Starlings. The second phase will complete the footpath on the western side to join with the existing path at St Anne's Church. This requires an area of land purchase. The offer has been made to the landowner and negotiations are on-going. Upon successful completion of the land deal, a contractor will be appointed and the works completed in approximately six months.

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CUALA'S MAGNIFICENT NINE

It was a Magnificent Nine for the club when the final tally was counted in All Ireland inter county medals for 2018.

Con O'Callaghan and Michael Fitzsimons both had major parts to play in the Dublin footballers four in a row win against Tyrone while Conor Mullally and Mark Schutte also played their part through the campaign and became All Ireland winners once again.

The following week it was the turn of our representatives on the Dublin Premier Junior Camogie team. Sinead Murphy, Sinead Wylde and Hannah O'Dea all started and finished at Croke Park in their triumph over Kerry and there was more with Willie Braine part of the management team as well.

Seven down and Martha Byrne and Jennifer Dunne made it nine seven days later again when they were part of Dublin's win over Cork in the All Ireland Ladies Football Final.

To have so many stars performing at the highest level of Gaelic Games is an incredible achievement for one club and testament to the hard work that has gone in from so many down the years.

CUALA CAMOGIE GRAB GOLD

Cuala's Adult Camogie team became Intermediate Champions of Dublin in early October edging out Castleknock in the County Final at the National Sports Campus in Abbottstown.

It was a whirlwind few weeks for a number of players on the team who had also played with the Adult Ladies Football team that itself got the the Dublin Intermediate Final but lost out to Clontarf only four days before.

END OF ONE RUN, START OF OTHERS

The Adult Men's Hurlers who have represented us so well winning back to back Dublin, Leinster and All Ireland titles bowed out at the semi final stage in the Dublin Championship this year but the lads owe nothing after a spectacular run of triumph.

There is still plenty to look forward to in the Autumn as well with the second and third teams advancing to the finals of the Intermediate and Junior B County Finals, the fourth team still involved in the Junior F Championship and our Senior and Junior Football teams also still firing on all cylinders.

NEXT GENERATION

The next generation of players began their Cuala career when children born in 2013 joined up with the Cuala Academy in September. Record numbers again and plenty of families and parents getting involved for the first time.

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NEWS FROM JUNIOR INFANTS

We have all settled in really well to life in Junior Infants. We have had a lot of fun learning each other's names, making new friends and learning all about each other.

In maths we have been sorting sets, making patterns, learning all about 2D and 3D shapes and playing some fun maths games like "sweetie jar".

We are enjoying learning our jolly phonics sounds every day. Our Aistear theme for September was homes and houses. We explored this theme through junk art, role play, construction, sequencing and through márla.

We have also been learning so much about Autumn. We liked making clay hedgehogs and Autumn trees.

FIFTH CLASS NEWS

Mrs Lennon's fifth class have had a busy September. We are delighted to be together in a new class with many new friends.

In Gaeilge we have been practicing our Mé Féin comhrás and we enjoy chatting about ourselves 'as Gaeilge'. We have also learned to draw ourselves, and were quite surprised to discover the true proportions of our faces!

We have learned about the Beaufort Wind Scale and were able to calculate wind speeds during Storm Ali.

In History we learned about the Aztecs and we designed holiday brochures for Irish Counties in Geography.

In Science we did a fun experiment called 'Hanger Clanger' where we learned about how sound travels. As we celebrated 'World Space Week', we did our assembly all about space. We wonder how well our 'Hanger Clanger' experiment would work on the moon?

We enjoy our gymnastics with Jay every Tuesday and have also been learning how to play cricket with Diarmuid from Cricket Ireland. Ms Basquille has been coaching us in running techniques on Fridays.

We have been rehearsing for our National Children's Choir Concert which will take place in the National Basketball Arena in March. Our favourite song so far is Starman by David Bowie. The National Children's Choir have recorded Starman with the singer Jack L and the single will be released in November, with all proceeds going to charity.

Local History Society Lectures

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Ruth Ferguson will present ***'The original Houses of Belfield'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 1st in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Old Dublin Society
Emmet Oliver will present ***'The Business of Dublin in the early 20th Century: An overview of the retail and financial sector'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday November 14th in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Ken Finlay will present ***'Charles Cameron - Saving the City'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday November 28th in Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free. The AGM of the Society will follow this presentation.

Irish Railway Record Society
Roger Joanes will present ***'Graham Hoare's Irish Railway Photos, 1956-1964'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday November 8th in the IRRS Premises, Hueston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

Ken Fox will present ***'South East 1991 - a digital slideshow'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday November 22nd in the Society's Dublin premises – members and guests only.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society
Joe Duignan will present ***'Irish Doctors in World War One'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 8th in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Contribution €3.

Knocklyon Historical Society
Liz Gillis will present ***'Commemorating 1919 and momentous issues leading up to it'*** at 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday November 14th in the Iona Centre, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. Admission €3.

Enniskerry History Society
James Scannell will present ***'The Torpedoing of the RMS Leinster - October 10th 1918'*** at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday November 8th in the Powerscourt Arms & Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.

Military History Society of Ireland
Ambassador Francis O'Donnell will present ***'The translation from military to civil service: the O'Donnell counts in France, 1690-1879'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday November 9th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Foxrock Local History Club
Ronan McGreevy will present ***'The Armistice of November 1918'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday November 20th in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €5. The AGM of the Club will precede this lecture.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Vincent Ruddy will present ***'Pre-Famine Dublin, A Calamity Waiting to Happen'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday November 21st in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – entrance €3.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Brian White will present ***'400 Years of the Brabazons in Bray'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 22nd in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
All welcome – admission €5.

Western Front Association (Dublin Branch)
A wreath laying ceremony to mark the centenary of the WW1 Armistice will take place at the Bray War Memorial, Quinsboro Road, Bray, at 3 p.m. on Saturday November 10th . All welcome

An Armistice Commemoration will take at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday November 17th in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Publications

'Bray Historical Record Volume 1: No. 9 - First World War Special Edition', Edited by Henry Cairns, published by the Old Bray Society - €10.

This special publication deals with those from Bray, Co. Wicklow, who took part in World War One, with some 900 from a town with a 1914-1918 population of 7600, who enlisted, on whom at least 155 were killed.

Divided into 6 chapters, the Introduction provides an overview of the town between 1914 and 1918, details of the Campaign Medals awarded and Medals of Valour, Rank Abbreviations and those of various regiments in which Bray men served.

Chapter 1 deals with the 'Bray Roll of Honour 1914-1918' listing all those of those mentioned in it supplemented by a vast array of images relating to those mentioned in it.

Chapter 2 covers 'The Bray War Memorial' on which 155 Bray men killed in this conflict are named on bronze panels with brief personal histories of all these individuals.

Chapter 3 is devoted to 'Sergeant Bernard Martin' blinded in this conflict while serving in Bulgaria, where he won the Military Medal, based on the diaries he kept, while Chapter 4 is devoted to military chaplain Fr. Francis Gleeson, who after the war eventually was appointed Parish Priest of Bray in 1924. Included in this chapter is the text of 1940 Special Branch report on speech he made from the pulpit during mass against evictions being carried out by the Bray Urban District Council. Subsequently appointed to Aughrim, in 1944 he was appointed Parish Priest of St. Catherine's, Meath Street, Dublin, where he served until his death in 1959.

Chapter 5 is devoted to 'Drummer Tom Brennan' by Tom Curtis who researched the life of his maternal grand-father who joined up with the Royal Munster Fusiliers in 1909 aged 16, and saw service in India, Gallipoli, the Somme, Passchendaele, and post war in Egypt and Sudan, until demobilised in 1922. He died in 1965 aged 75.

The final chapter contains additional information on North Wicklow People in the First World War by name, other information, and war information.

All-in-all this remarkable 120 A4 sized publication ensures that those from Bray and North Wicklow are remembered and have not vanished unforgotten and unremembered into the mists of time.

Over the counter copies can be obtained from The Town Hall Bookshop, 23 Florence Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Postal inquires can be sent to the same address.

Scoil Mhuire Focuses on S.T.E.M.

Visit to EUCYS in R.D.S.

This year EUCYS (The European Union Contest for Young Scientists) took place in the R.D.S., Dublin. This brings the winner of the Irish BT Young Scientist Competition and all the national winners from other countries to a different European capital each year to enter a European contest and showcase their experiments.

Pictured on arrival at the R.D.S. are Ms. McDonagh, Ms. O'Sullivan, Ms. Power, Ms. Slavin, Mr. McDonagh, Ms. Murphy, Brenda Devereux and Karen Slavin, EU Organiser of EUCYS.

A lecturer from Waterford Institute of Technology explains the properties of liquid nitrogen and demonstrates its effects on a flower.

The children listen attentively as the Irish winner, Simon Meehan, explains his experiment to the children.

The children spoke to a lady from Switzerland who carried out an experiment about tonsils and infections. They had lots of questions to ask and learned a lot from this experiment.

The children were shown how to build and engage with robots and had great fun playing with them.

Students were invited to test how quick their reactions were, by engaging in an experiment. The children enjoyed finding out what side of the brain worked faster and who had the fastest reactions.

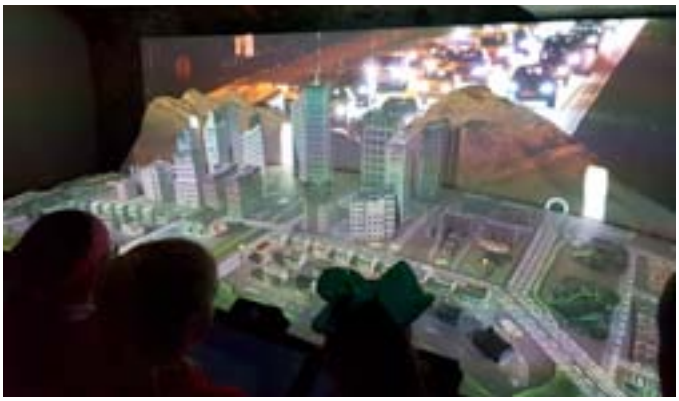
Learning about Climate Change

On a recent visit to "Cool Planet", the children from 5th and 5th Class learned about the need for urgency in dealing with climate change. At the start of the tour they measured their carbon footprint and continued through the exhibition exploring themes from food to animals that negatively impact on the environment.

In this photo the children are comparing their carbon footprint with other children around the world.

Race to 2050

The children were shown a city of the future and then engaged in games to show how they could reverse this imminent disaster by making different choices.



In this photo the children are comparing their carbon footprint with other children around the world.

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

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Once again we are extremely grateful to Rathmichael

Parish for donating produce from their Harvest Festival. Our cooks will be busy making nutritious fresh soups from the vegetables and delicious fruit pies and crumbles from the fruit. The 3-course midday lunch is much enjoyed by all those who attend the Daycare Centre, and is an important factor in ensuring good nutrition and protecting against Winter ills.

TWO 98TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

And maybe all these activities and good nutrition have helped two of our ladies, Audrey Gallagher and Nancy O'Brien, to reach their 98th birthdays this month. Both birthdays were celebrated at the Daycare Centre with special cakes at tea-time.

Nancy O'Brien celebrating her 98th birthday

Audrey Gallagher celebrating her 98th birthday

Robert Connor leading the dance

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We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D18A/0919 Seeking Permission Date: 28-Sep-2018
James Francis Mahon, 13 Rathmichael Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for 3-bedroom dormer bungalow, waste-water treatment plant and percolation area, new entrance, gates and walls and associated site works. Replacement of existing septic tank and percolation area in new location

D18B/0423 Seeking Permission Date: 01-Oct-2018
Jason McGrane, 166 Corbawn Wood, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for single storey ground floor front extension with flat roof over for extended porch and living room. A two storey side extension with pitched roof over for additional bedrooms. A single storey rear extension with flat roof over for extended kitchen room. An attic conversion for additional bedroom space. A dormer roof extension to the rear. A raised ridge height to existing roof profile.

D18B/0429 Seeking Permission Date: 03-Oct-2018
John & Linda Collins, Brandywyne House, Rathmichael Haven, Ferndale Road, Co. Dublin
Permission for modifications to the approved planning permission D17B/0380 to include the addition of a single storey play room extension to the north aspect of the existing house, along with all associated and ancillary site development works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D18B/0319 GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION Date: 13-Sep-2018
Grace O'Brien & Declan Kelly. 81 Corbawn Drive, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention of alterations to previously approved planning application D16B/0438 consisting of a single storey extension to the front of existing dwelling and all associated site works.

D18A/0630 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 17-Sep-2018
Michael & Rosemary Fitzpatrick 8A Ferndale Glen, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Minor amendments to previously approved house type under Planning Permission D09A/0007, including addition of approximately 370 mm to as-permitted overall ridge height and extension of roof slope to incorporate porch one side of the plan. Addition of new ventilated roof lights to front of house and 44.6m2 attic studio. Revisions to room layout and windows at site.

D18A/0733 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 20-Sep-2018
Fintan Darcy. 43, Foxes Grove, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Development at corner site consisting of: (a) subdivision of the site and construction of a 104sq.m two storey, two bedroom detached dwelling, (b) new vehicle access onto Foxes Grove for the proposed dwelling, (c) the provision of 2 No. off-street car parking spaces, (d) all associated site works and landscaping, (e) the provision of a soakaway to the existing house garden.

D18B/0271 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 18-Sep-2018
Ken Miller. Woodstock, Falls Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Construction of a 49m.sq domestic garage with a pitched roof ridge height of 5m and a 50m.sq flat roof garden room, height 3.5m. Both structures are located to the rear of the site.

D18A/0750 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Date: 24-Sep-2018
Helen Moloney. Hylbrook, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Permission for the part demolition (60 sqm) of existing house (245 sqm). The retained portion of existing house (185 sqm) will be reclad in part render and part brick and include significant changes to window and roof arrangement. The works will include single storey brick and render extensions totaling 171 sqm over a lower ground floor non-habitable storage room of 44 sqm. The extensions will include a low pitch roof behind parapet, balcony to front of house and a flat roofed entrance foyer. Changes to front boundary wall to Quarry Road and all associates site works.

D18A/0281 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 04-Oct-2018
Mr & Mrs G Grady. Arcadia, Ferndale Glen, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Permission for a two-storey storage extension with pitched roof to side of existing two-storey garage and store.

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